

Arts Tuition

As part of Fairholme College's commitment to The Arts, Specialist Arts Teachers offer individual Music and Speech & Drama lessons to students from Prep to Year 12. These programs are designed to foster personal excellence and nurture artistic awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment. Tailored to meet individual student needs, each lesson provides rich learning experiences and creative opportunities that support the growth of confident and expressive performers.

2026 Business Regulations – Terms and Conditions

Tuition Fee Schedule

(All fees are current as of publication and are subject to change in line with QMTA recommendations)

- **Individual Lessons**
\$43.50 per 30-minute lesson
- **Paired Lessons** *(2 students per lesson; available for beginners and subject to compatibility)*
\$29.25 per student, per 30-minute lesson
- **Group Lessons** *(3 or more students; only available where appropriate)*
\$61.00 per 30-minute lesson, shared equally between participating students
- **Extended Lessons for Advanced Students**
\$87.00 per hour (pro-rata for longer lesson durations)

Please Note:

1. **Paired and Group Lessons**
 - Paired and group lessons are recommended only for beginners (i.e. students with fewer than 12 months of tuition experience).
 - Paired lessons are offered at the discretion of the Specialist Arts Teacher and are not available for some areas of study
 - Paired lessons depend on the availability of compatible partners. If a suitable partner cannot be found, students will be offered a shorter individual lesson (15 minutes) until an appropriate pairing becomes available.
2. **Arts Tuition Fees**
 - Tuition fees are guided by the rates recommended by the Queensland Music Teachers' Association (QMTA).
 - These rates are reviewed annually and are current at the time of online publication. However, they may be subject to change if QMTA updates their recommended rates prior to the 2026 calendar year.

Terms and Conditions

Lesson Limits for Junior School Students

- Students in Year 4 and below may enrol in a maximum of two Specialist Arts lessons per week.
- Students in Years 5–6 who wish to enrol in more than two lessons per week may submit an application, which will be considered on an individual basis and in consultation with classroom teachers.

12-Month Commitment Requirement

- From 2026, all Specialist Arts Tuition enrolments for Junior School students will require a minimum 12-month commitment on all new enrolments.
- Should a student wish to discontinue before completing the 12-month period, the Specialist Arts Teacher will work closely with the student and family to encourage continuation and provide appropriate support.
- If early withdrawal is confirmed, full tuition fees for each remaining term within the 12-month commitment will remain payable, and any lessons not taken will be forfeited.
- **Payment of Fees**
 - Fees for lessons delivered by **Specialist Arts Teachers** are to be paid directly to the teacher and are due within 14 days of receiving the invoice.
If payment cannot be made within this timeframe, parents/guardians are expected to contact the teacher in writing (e.g. via email) to discuss the matter and negotiate an alternative arrangement. Please note, that in such cases, lessons may be suspended until payment is received.
 - Fees for lessons delivered by full-time **Music Staff** may be charged to your College account at the rate of 15 lessons per semester.
- **Scheduling of Lessons**
 - Lessons scheduled **before or after school** are arranged in consultation with parents and students. While some lesson times may be available outside school hours, priority is given to **senior students** and those undertaking **multiple specialist lessons**.
 - Lessons held **during school hours** are rotated weekly in accordance with College policy to ensure that the same academic classes are not missed repeatedly.
 - Lessons are timetabled from 7:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday. Any teaching outside these hours requires special approval from the College.
 - Timetables will be emailed to students and parents/guardians prior to the first lesson of each term.
 - Students are encouraged to be proactive in managing their timetables to identify scheduling conflicts in advance and should discuss these with their teacher.
 - No students will be allowed to leave Junior School classes unless the lesson has been timetabled in advance as required.
 - Notice of makeup lessons must be provided to Junior School teachers in advance for their approval.
 - **Students in Years Prep-2 are unable to have specialist arts lessons timetabled between 8.30-10.30am Monday-Friday.**
- **Lesson Duration and Frequency**
Lessons are ordinarily scheduled for 30 minutes weekly. These may be negotiated directly with the Specialist Arts Teacher if required to suit individual student needs.
- **Student Progress Reports**
Specialist Arts Teachers will provide reports on each student's engagement and progress at the end of each semester.

- **Music Record Books**
All students must have a Music Record Book for each instrument studied. These are available from Arts Reception at a cost of \$9.15 each (for 2026, subject to review).
- **Confidentiality of Medical Information**
The College will share students' medical information with Specialist Arts Teachers in confidence to ensure continuity of care during lessons, rehearsals, and performances.
- **Notice for Discontinuation of Lessons**
Parents of students intending to discontinue lessons are required to complete a [Notice of Intention to Discontinue or Alter Tuition Form](#). Parents of student's advising of their intention to discontinue lessons are required to do so prior to the end of the current term to avoid any unnecessary additional fees in the subsequent term. Cancellation requests received after the commencement of term or during term will be invoiced for the full amount of the current term's fees.
- **Ongoing Enrolment**
All students currently enrolled in tuition will automatically rollover from term to term and will be automatically allocated a timeslot on subsequent terms/years' timetables. Your student's enrolment will remain in place until such time as you complete the required [Notice of Intention to Discontinue or Alter Tuition Form](#).
- **Enrolment Changes for Subsequent Year**
Parents and students will be given the opportunity to make changes to their enrolment for the following year during Term 4.
- **Missed Lessons Policy**
Unnotified Absences:
 - If a student misses a lesson without prior notice, the lesson will not be made up and fee will still be charged.

Known Absences:

- For planned absences such as assessments or excursions, parents/guardians must provide at least **48 hours** directly to the Specialist Arts Teacher.
- Students in **individual lessons** will be offered a make-up lesson when the correct notice has been provided.
- Students in **group or paired lessons** will **not** receive make-up lessons, except in cases of teacher absence or whole school events. This policy is reflected in the lesson pricing structure.
- Students are encouraged to proactively manage and anticipate scheduling conflicts and may require assistance from parents/guardians in this regard.

Unknown Absences:

- For unexpected absences (e.g., illness), parents/guardians must notify the Specialist Arts Teacher and/or Arts Reception **by 7am** on the day of the lesson via phone 07 4688 4679 or email The.Arts@fairholme.qld.edu.au.
- Students in **individual lessons** will be offered a make-up lesson when the correct notice has been provided. Make-up lessons for notices received after 7am on the day of the scheduled lesson, are at the discretion of the teacher.
- Students in **group or paired lessons** will not receive make-up lessons except for teacher absence or whole school events.

Instrument Storage and Insurance

- While the Arts Department endeavours to provide safe and secure storage for musical instruments, please note that the school's insurance policy does not cover student property, including student-owned instruments.
- Parents and guardians are therefore advised to arrange their own insurance for instruments.
- The school cannot be held liable for any instruments that are lost or stolen.
- Incidents of damage, theft or loss are most often due to instruments not being placed in the designated storage areas.
 - Larger instruments should be stored upstairs in the Patrea O'Shea Performing Arts Building.
 - Smaller instruments may be kept in student lockers or in their school bags.
 - Junior School should store instruments in the designated area in L Assembly.
- Instrument identification:
 - All instrument cases should be clearly labelled in large letters on both the outside and inside of the case.
 - This discourages theft, assists staff in tracking instruments, and helps prevent students from accidentally taking the wrong instrument.
 - Because permanently marking the instrument itself can decrease its resale value, parents and students are encouraged to consult with their teacher for appropriate labelling advice.

Musical Instrument Hire Information

Instrument Hire

Fairholme College offers a comprehensive range of instruments for students enrolled in instrumental lessons and actively participating in College ensembles.

- **Hire Fee:** \$55 per term
- **Billing:** Charged to the student's College account
- **Hire Duration:** Generally, up to 12 months to support annual instrument rotation, particularly within Junior School beginner programs. Some specialist instruments may be available for longer hire periods.
- **Hire Agreement:** A completed Instrument Hire Agreement is required before a College instrument can be issued.

To request a hire instrument, please contact The Arts Reception.

Hirer's Responsibility

- By hiring a College instrument, families accept full responsibility for the care and safekeeping of the instrument during the hire period.
- Routine maintenance will be covered by the College.

- Accidental damage or misuse must be reported promptly and will be the financial responsibility of the hirer.
- After 12 months of hire, families are encouraged to consider purchasing an instrument if the student wishes to continue their musical studies long-term.

Instruments Available for Hire

(\$55 per term – subject to availability)

Brass – Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French Horn, Tuba

Saxophones – Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone

Strings – Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Woodwind – Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon

Other – Bagpipes, Orchestral Harp

Please Note: External musical instrument hire is possible if the College does not have a suitable instrument available (contact information available on request).

Co-curricular Music Involvement

Co-curricular Instrumental Music and Choral Ensembles

At Fairholme College, students undertaking music tuition are expected to participate in one or more of the College's co-curricular music ensembles, as recommended by their Specialist Music Teacher. Participation in an ensemble provides valuable opportunities for musical growth, teamwork, and performance experience, and is considered an essential part of a student's musical development.

For further details about ensemble opportunities and requirements, please refer to the Arts Co-Curriculum section on the College website.

Instrumental Music and Choral Ensemble Folders

- Each student enrolled in an instrumental or choral ensemble will be issued a College music folder at the start of their participation.
- This folder must be used to store all allocated sheet music and brought to every rehearsal and performance.
- All sheet music remains the property of the College and must be returned at the end of each year or when requested by ensemble conductors.
 - Please note: In accordance with copyright law, photocopies of music are treated as originals and must be returned in the same way.

Returning or Replacing Folders

- If a student discontinues ensemble participation before the end of Year 12, the folder must be returned to The Arts Office.
- Students who remain in an ensemble through to the end of Year 12 are welcome to keep their folder as a memento.
- Lost or damaged folders will be charged at replacement cost, which will be added to your school fee account.